

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:
March 21 at 7pm,
Clifford School



President's Message

Hello everyone,

Our theme this month is "4-H Pride," so please wear all or some part of your 4-H uniform (hat, scarf, tie, etc.) or your 4-H t-shirt. If you're a new member and don't have 4-H clothes, just wear something green.

We'll be selling t-shirts, hats, and uniform things at the meeting. The junior/teen leaders will be talking about the uniform, star ranks, and other 4-H stuff.

See you at the meeting.

Carson Sprock, President



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Wear your 4-H uniform or
something green



Hometown Days is Near!

Let's get ready for San Carlos Hometown Days. This annual celebration falls on the weekend of May 20-21 this year. Next to fair, Hometown Days is the biggest event in our 4-H year. Every 4-H family is needed to make this year's celebration a success. Save space on your calendar now and be ready to sign up at the March meeting to participate in these events:

- Float Decoration and Parade (Saturday morning)
- Club Information Booth (Saturday and Sunday)
- Lemonade and Cookie Booth (Saturday and Sunday)

Parade activities begin at 8:30 am when we gather to decorate our float. The parade steps off at 9:45 am from Central Middle School, follows a route through downtown San Carlos and ends back at the school approximately an hour later. All club members should plan to participate in the parade, and adults who are not helping set up the club booths should also plan to join in the fun.

This year we'll run our information booth on both Saturday and Sunday. We will not have a full-scale petting zoo, but we'll be encouraging 4-Hers to bring their small animals (chickens, rabbits, cavies, etc.) along for a shift. We will take care not to overstress the animals and will limit their interaction with the public. The presence of animals, along with their 4-H owners, will attract people to the booth, so please consider a short visit by some of your critters.

We'll raise some funds over the course of the weekend, but, even more importantly, we'll raise awareness of our presence in the community—and we always raise a crop of good feelings and fun. Our 4-H teens and adult leaders will be organizing these events, but we count on you and your family to help staff our booths, decorate our float, and give a cheer that 4-H is here!

Favorite Foods Day 2006

This year's Favorite Foods Day was a great experience. There were four members from our club who participated and came home with awards. Nikolaus Grimsby earned second place for his spaghetti. Catharine Sassenberg earned a medal for her apple brown betty. Kate Lyn Sutherland earned first place for her apple cream coffee cake. Sarah Sutherland earned a primary ribbon for her pineapple upside-down cake. Our favorite part of the day was tasting the food that everyone made at the end of the day. It was a great event and we will definitely do it again next year. by Kate Lyn and Sarah Sutherland



Uniform Check-up: Do You Have All the Pieces?

As you put on your uniform for the March meeting—or notice that you don't yet have one—you'll realize it's time to start acquiring those missing pieces. Uniforms are only required if you are showing an animal at fair. You are not required to wear a uniform at any other 4-H event, but we strongly encourage you to have one.

We will have the club's current supply of small uniform pieces at the March meeting and will be ready to take new orders. We will also have record book covers for sale (\$2.00), an item everyone needs. Read below for the description of the complete uniform: note the prices for the small items that may be purchased through the club and where you can go to get your "whites." Bring cash for your club purchases or remind your parents to bring their checkbooks. Also, remember to bring your old, clean whites to the meeting or to the farm to be recycled. The upcoming farm clean-up will be the perfect time!

San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4-H Uniform Requirements

General Requirements:

Uniforms are only required if you are showing an animal at fair.

Pants:

- White jeans or canvas pants (jeans recommended if showing an animal).
- Available at Western Saddlery (650) 345-2261; 206 E Hillsdale Blvd, San Mateo (near intersection with 101.) Some sizes need to be ordered in advance; check by calling the store.
- We have a good selection of hand-me-down whites at the farm. Check 'em out!
- Must wear a belt.
- Shorts or skirt are optional for girls not exhibiting animals.

Shirt:

- White.
- Long-Sleeves. (Short sleeves ok if not showing an animal.)
- Collared.
- Available at department stores (boy's department), thrift shops, and check out the hand-me-downs at the farm.
- Must be worn tucked IN.
- Most girls wear boys' shirts.

Tie or Scarf:

- Must be official 4-H tie or scarf.
- Available from club. Contact Julie Figiozzi Wong 853-1305 or girlfig2u@yahoo.com
- Girls wear scarf or tie; boys wear tie.

Hat:

- Must be official 4-H hat.
- K-8th graders wear green hat; high-schoolers wear white hat.

- Available from club. Contact Julie Figiozzi Wong 853-1305 or girlfig2u@yahoo.com
- (Optional) May be worn tucked into back pocket or front belt.

Price List:

Green Caps: K-8 th	\$10.00
White Caps: High School	\$10.00
Girl's Collar	\$11.00
Ties: Clip or Regular	\$8.50
Record Book Covers	\$2.00

Dust Off Your Rakes and Shovels!



Spring Farm Clean-Up: Saturday – April 22 – 9 am

All 4Hers are encouraged to participate in our spring farm clean-up. We have many jobs to do, especially after the winter rains, and the farm needs everyone, including parents! This is a mandatory event for every member who is in a farm animal project: goats, sheep, pigs, poultry (chickens and turkeys), and bee-keeping. Attendance will be taken. If you have an excused absence, as defined in the Club attendance policy (see below), please inform your project leader and Eric Grimsby, the Farm Boss, and you will be assigned make-up farm work.

Bring gloves, disposable dust masks, etc. This is also a fun activity that you can enter in your record book as “attended event.” Hot chocolate, coffee, and doughnuts will be provided.

Important Attendance Policy Reminder!

San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Club Attendance Policy

- 80% attendance at the general meetings is needed to raise an animal for fair or to obtain a star rank.
- An excused absence will not count against the 80% calculation.
 - Excused absences include illness, religious commitments, or mandatory school activities (one-time meeting, school play, or concert). Other excuses may be presented to the Steering Committee for authorization.
 - Bring a note to the club secretary the month before or after the excused absence so it can be recorded.
 - Homework and social school activities are examples of non-excused absences.
- If you will have to leave early or arrive late on a regular basis, please provide a note of explanation to the club secretary. You can still receive credit for attendance, but more than two late arrivals or early departures will disqualify you from earning a 100% participation pin.
- You are responsible to find out what you missed at the general meetings.

- You are encouraged to make up the missed meeting with community service time; volunteering at schools or special-needs programs, or representing the club at Lions Club activities, Hometown Days, and the San Mateo County Fair (auction, cake booth, Redwood Hall attendant and Pen Pride).
- 100% attendance is determined by attending all of the general meetings for the majority of each meeting. Arriving late or leaving early more than twice will disqualify you from earning the 100% attendance pin.

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